Diagnostic Clinic, and Research Center for Blind Children

Testing, Evaluation, Parent Counseling, Tryout, Recommendations for School, Training or Institutional Placement

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Specialists in Speech Therapy, Travel Service, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and related services are available through the regular program of the Institute.

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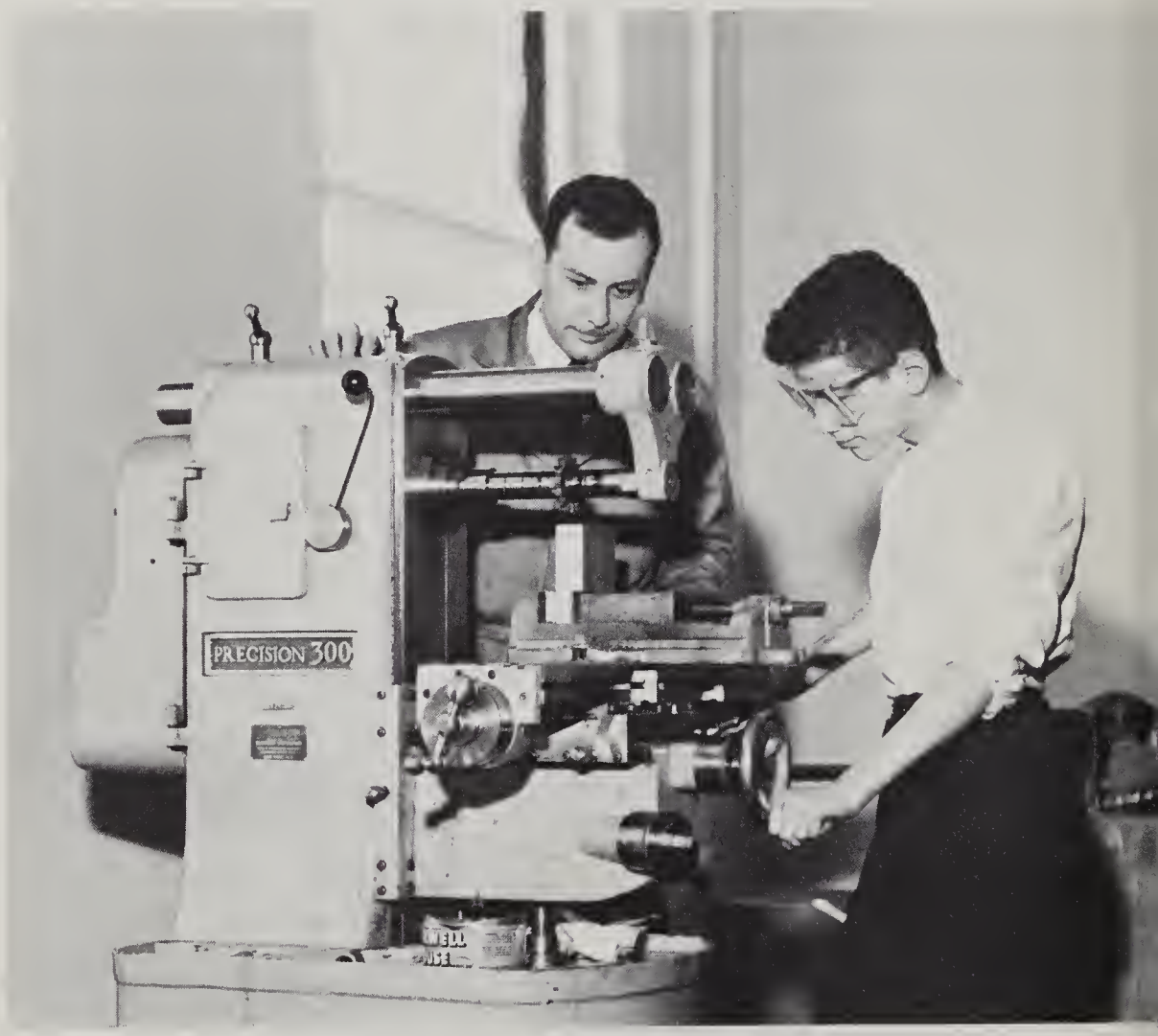
A Special Service Available to All Blind Children

The test of all educational programs is in the kind of product the program produces. For well over a century schools for the blind have developed curricula to meet the changing needs of blind children. The past ten years have seen some fundamental changes in the concept of what constitutes a well rounded educational program in the elementary and secondary schools of the United States. The New York Institute for the Education of the Blind has had for many years, an educational clinic providing a limited service to blind children. The Institute now

plans to expand and extend this service to its own pupils and to any blind child anywhere, for whom parents or agencies desire such a preliminary diagnosis and/or trial appointment providing a scientific classification of the child's abilities with the clinic's recommendation for the best possible placement.

In presenting this service of testing, classifying, screening and recommended placement, no claim is made that the difficult task of preparing a plan for meeting the problem of properly educating blind



children is fully explored. It is the hope of the Administration of The New York Institute for the Education of the Blind that the experience the Institute has had in the past and this expanded service, may produce different and better results in the education of the intellectually capable blind child, and the more adequate placement of trainable blind children. Likewise, there is no thought that such a program is intended to relegate the total instructional program of a blind child to purely an academic or trade school education. There is an urgent need for proper synthesis between the academic and vocational content of a school program for educable blind children, and we hope this new service will make it possible for us to achieve such a balanced educational approach.

Purpose of this service:

To obtain a picture of the child as a whole so that he may be classified and placed in his proper group in a school setting.

To know the child as intimately as possible and to secure information about his personality, aptitudes, and interest in order to plan his educational future.

To refer blind children to other schools, training institutions or custodial service programs best suited to meet the blind child's needs.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CLINIC:

Who is eligible?:

Any blind child, age 3 to 21, will be admitted to the clinic for diagnosis, referral or trial appointment in The New York Institute for the Education of the Blind. This diagnostic and evaluation service is available to any parent or agency upon application. Admissions may be made on a day or resident basis. Some transportation facilities are available for day students within certain geographic areas.

What does it cost?:

Residents of New York State are admitted free of charge when appointed by the New York State Department of Education. All other applicants will be charged a clinic or tryout fee for the period of their residence in the Center. Some special scholarship provisions are available for those who cannot meet the regular fees. Application for scholarship aid should be made to the Principal.

Length of trial period:

Since the major objective of this service is to determine as clearly as possible the degree of educability or training potential of each blind child, the trial period may vary considerably with each applicant. Every effort will be made to recommend and place children as quickly as possible to the school or training facilities best suited to their needs.

Internships:

The clinic will also operate a student internship program for undergraduate and graduate students interested in studying in this area and regularly enrolled in accredited Colleges and Universities.

Special services available in the Clinic:

Medical examinations (of all types).

Psychological and aptitude testing.

Parent counseling.

Diagnostic individual and group therapy evaluation through means of trial placements in regular classes.

Music therapy.

Referral for other school placement, placement for training services and for institutional care.

Research:

The clinic will maintain a continuing program of research in all areas dealing with the education and care of the blind children and the multiply handicapped child such as: the deaf blind, cerebal palsy blind, mentally retarded blind, emotionally disturbed blind. Studies on techniques for aiding the blind, curriculum development, testing procedures, prosthesis research, teacher training, vocational guidance, training techniques and placement procedures will be developed by the staff.

Clinic:

Constant medical supervision of all blind students in the Clinic is maintained by a large staff of attending and consulting doctors, providing a regular medical check-up at the institute's infirmary.

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Dear Sir:

I have a blind child (or children) and I would like to have additional information regarding your Diagnostic Clinic and Research Center.

Send a representative to see me ☐

Mail additional information to me ☐

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Age of Child_____ Sex_____

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